

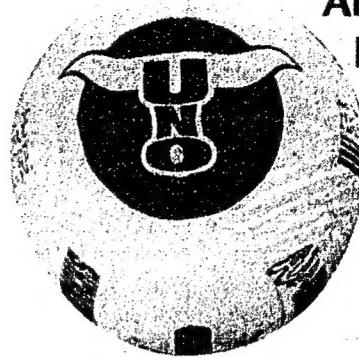
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## Survey Results Show Students Want Fall Break

**"A fall break can alleviate the stress of course work and other activities in which students regularly engage."**

— Jason Winterboer, UNO student president/regent.

by Jennifer Martini

Five hundred surveys were recently distributed to UNO students about a proposed fall break.

From that number 385 were returned with 79 percent of the students indicating their desire to have a fall break implemented in the upcoming academic year.

The 500 surveys were distributed through a random sampling. The surveys were distributed by five student senators to students

in their day classes with any remaining surveys distributed to students-at-large. About 75 surveys were distributed to students in night classes.

The results show that 60 percent of the students indicated a willingness to start the academic semester early and 62 percent indicated a willingness to shorten the Labor Day break to three days instead of four days in order to provide for a fall break.

According to Jason Winterboer, UNO student president/regent, "UNO students, along with our sister campuses, currently attend classes for 11 weeks without a scheduled break. During this 11-week string of classes the physical and mental health of students can be adversely affected."

Winterboer added, "A fall break can alle-

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## Project Achieve Eases Students' Pressures

**"This system allows the students to realize what he or she needs to do in order to graduate."**

— Dr. NsaAbasi U. Ekpo, director of Project Achieve.

by Alan Berglund

The beginning of a college career can quickly become a hectic experience for the average student. Having someone to turn to, for counseling, support, and encouragement during these trying times can relieve a lot of anxiety. Fortunately, for UNO students, this help can be found at Project Achieve.

"When a student with an academic need comes in, we work with

them and their academic counselor to help the student understand where their strengths and weaknesses lie," said Dr. NsaAbasi U. Ekpo, director of Project Achieve. "This system allows the students to realize what he or she needs to do in order to graduate."

Project Achieve, located in

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photo by Chad "the Pope" Greene

Holly Naab (center) eludes Jim Winship (left) as teammate Amanda Burly (back right) blocks Jason Schimerda during Wednesday's Gender Olympics. The event, held in the pep bowl, was sponsored by the Women's Resource Center.

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## UNO Music Chair Recognized

by Savonda Johnson

UNO Music Professor James Saker walked up onto the podium during UNO's last home game to direct the Marching Mavericks, and their shiny brass horns, woodwinds, and drums, in the star-spangled banner to close out another season for the marching band.

The event is always a noteworthy one. But Saker had another noteworthy event in the wings.

Saker has just been awarded the Issacson Professors of Music award for the 97-98 school year. For 15 of the 20 years that Saker has taught at UNO, he has directed the UNO marching band. However, this year he stepped down from position of band director and he now directs the wind ensemble and is the acting chair of the music department.

"This award recognizes distinguished members of faculty," said Saker in a brief interview on Wednesday. "A number of fac-

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## It's Been A Long Road to Womens' Althletic Equality

### Women Wearing Shorts to Buck the System

by Helen Evans

UNO's women's basketball team stood up and took matters into their own hands in the Fall of 1920.

During this era, it was unheard of and considered disgraceful if women wore shorts while playing basketball. Women were told they could only wear bloomers, but no shorts.

Apparently, the women's basketball team was fed up with this regulation, so they decided to do something no team on UNO's campus had done before.

Les Valentine, who works in the UNO Library Archives tells the story. According to him, the women's team secretly sneaked into the men's locker room and stole their basketball shorts. They then wore the shorts

in their own team picture.

"One member of the Lady Maverick Basketball team told me this story and I thought it was so funny, especially when she showed me the picture," said Valentine.

This story does have a more serious twist to it. Often women were not seen as an asset in the sports field. To achieve equality on the field or court, women had to take matters into their own hands. "Although this story is funny, a valuable lesson can be learned. It just goes to show how far women's athletics have come since the 1920's," Valentine added.

# Project Achieve Serves UNO's Students

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Eppley Administration, offers programs designed to advance students toward their goal of graduation by offering them tutoring, advising, and career, academic, and personal counseling.

Ekpo said, Project Achieve works together with the student while trying to achieve four clear cut objectives:

- \* To retain the students within the university system and in Project Achieve.

- \* To assist students with their efforts toward meeting graduation requirements.

- \* To prepare students for the work place after they graduate.

- \* To continue assisting those students who choose to continue their education.

Project Achieve also offers services to students who are unsure about which field of study they wish to enter. The Skill Assessment Inventory (SAI) allows the student and staff to focus their efforts and it is offered free of charge to Project Achieve students.

The SAI contains questions students answer about themselves in order to shed light on personality traits, hobbies, likes, dislikes and other contributing factors that may lead a student to choose a specific field of interest.

Ekpo explained a triangle approach allows students to meet their goals by working hand-in-hand with their advisor and the Project

Achieve staff.

Project Achieve is designed to support 150 students who are either low income students, first generation college students or students who demonstrate an educational need.

Getting help from Project Achieve is as simple as walking through a door. Students meeting requirements simply walk into the Project Achieve office, room 117 in Eppley and ask to enroll in the program. They will be given a introductory packet that will help the staff determine what type of help is needed for the student to succeed.

Project Achieve is made possible through federal education laws passed by Congress in 1965, that allowed the Department of Education to start a program tailored for students with specific academic needs.

The Department of Education supplies funding for the faculty of Project Achieve who have all received their master degree in their respective fields.

Project Achieve has a full-time staff of four. Counselors in academics, reading, math, and science are assisted by tutors and a full-time secretary. Each tutor must be recommended by a staff member and must have received a B or higher in the course they want to tutor.

"Students can be comforted to know that we are well equipped to help the student in any way that we can," Ekpo said.

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# Band Director Feted

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ulty members have received this award," said Saker.

Saker received his bachelor of music from Bowling State University, master degree from Youngstown State University, and a Ph.D. in music education from the University of Iowa.

During his 20 year stay at the university, Saker has received national acclaim for his direction of the marching band and the concert band. Saker has toured the U.S., Canada, and Europe as a clinician, conductor, and a lecturer.

Saker also serves as president of the Nebraska music educators association and the Nebraska state bandmasters association. Both associations awarded Saker the Donald A. Lentz outstanding bandmaster award.

Other awards that Saker has received included the UNO great teacher award from the UN regents, and the National Band Association of Excellence.

When asked what he enjoyed the most about teaching music, Saker responded in a very simple tone. "The students," said Saker. "I think we have terrific students here. I like to see them reach their goals."

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# Womans Club to Share Clubhouse With UNMC

by Wendy Townley

Susan B. Anthony has been quoted saying that "failure is unacceptable." What some people consider obstacles, others view as opportunities.

In 1868, the barrier that Jane Croly encountered resulted in an organization that would forever transform the role of women in society.

A reporter for a New York newspaper, Croly was excited about the possibility to cover a meeting of the New York Press Club to honor Charles Dickens. Much to Croly's dismay, she was told she could not attend this meeting because she was a woman. This obstacle only added fuel to Croly's fire to fight for women's rights.

In 1889, she proposed a gathering that would unite women across the United States. Delegates from women's groups around the country were asked to come to New York to all work for a single goal: the rights of women.

Four years later, in 1893, the Omaha Womans Club (OWC) was born. According

to Wilda Reiff, a member of OWC for 60 years, the goal of the Omaha Womans Club is to "further the advancement of women in today's society. This organization exists to allow women to further develop their knowledge, for example, of the political world," Reiff said.

The OWC accomplished many of goals through the years. Among these were the creation of the first playground, the establishment of a routine school closing notification, and the first free milk program for school children. And while many strides were made in the improvement of the lives of school children, women's education has succeeded as well.

During the past 104 years, the OWC has contributed to its members through its different departments, such as the Literary, Home, Public Affairs, Fine Arts, and Parliamentary Law Clubs.

The Omaha Womans Club has had over 900 members. Initially, members of the club were of a variety of ages. Today, however,

with the growing demand of jobs and family, members of this organization range in age from 60 to 90 years old and older.

Today's members are still active. "The Omaha Womans Club is an important club for the elevation of women," Reiff said. "I don't want people to think that we are a card-playing club, or a tea party club."

In fact, the Omaha Woman's Club has different groups and activities within the walls of its organization. Among these include literary groups, book reviews, a Christmas open house, and monthly meetings.

The OWC meets the first Monday during the months of June, July, and August. Throughout the winter, the OWC also meets every Monday. Dues are collected in advance and upcoming events are planned. "We host luncheons to earn money for our yearbook and to raise money for other expenses," Reiff said.

The OWC has recently announced that it will share its clubhouse with the University

of Nebraska Medical Center. The clubhouse, located at 518 South 38th St., is a massive Jacobean home. Built in 1923, the clubhouse used to be the home to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Morseman. "Originally, our (OWC) clubhouse was located at 32nd Avenue and Farnam Street.

"The Mutual of Omaha wanted our clubhouse, but we didn't want to give it up. As a trade off, the Mutual of Omaha found our current clubhouse and paid us an additional \$30,000," Reiff said. The current clubhouse for the OWC houses such features as five bathrooms and bronze lamps.

While this organization has seen changes, the members of the Omaha Womans Club have remained invariable as tradition.

Reiff sees these women as true leaders of the community. "The Omaha Womans Club houses some of the most refined, intelligent, knowledge-seeking, and compassionate women around," Reiff said. And this tradition has maintained for over a century.

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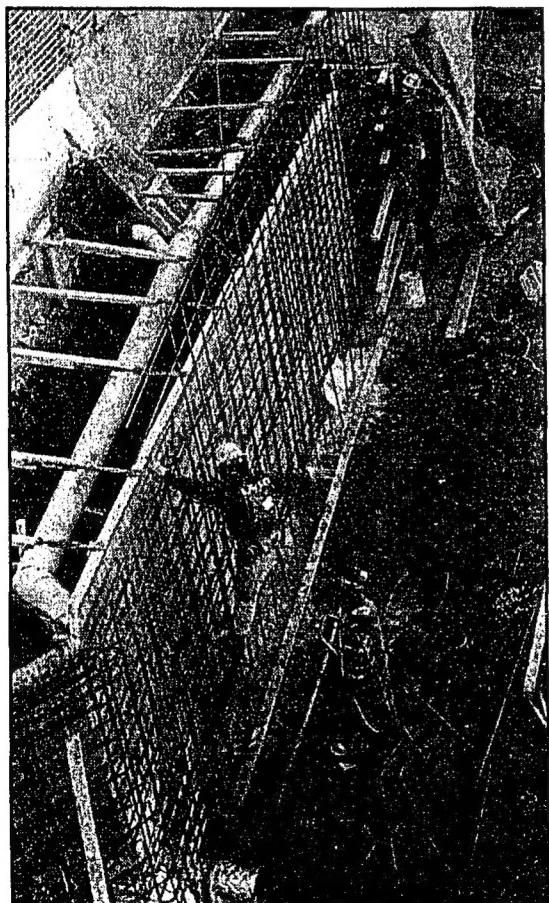
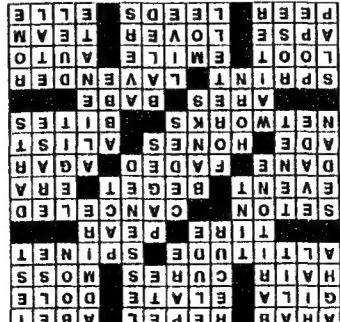


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Construction workers place a rebar grid in preparation of a new wall on the northeast end of the Fieldhouse.

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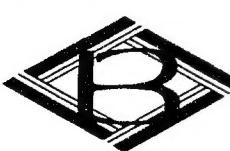


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# Gateway Opinion

## The Business of Playing Ball

**opinion by Sean Guilfoyle**

A staple of American culture is being severely tampered with. Mom is still around, apple pies still taste the same (except for the pesticide), but baseball has taken on an entirely new identity. If given humanistic qualities, I would respond to baseball by saying, "I don't even know who you are anymore."

It all started in 1994. The year of the strike.

Baseball, just like any other venture, is a business, we were told by owners. The fans will understand baseball's situation.

Unfortunately, the over-optimistic view of the fans by owners was grossly underestimated. Unlike the strike of UPS, the "business" of baseball is still feeling tremors after the national pastime's earthquake in that strike year.

The similarities between baseball and UPS are minimal, except for the uniforms (how would the Yankees look in a chocolate brown?). What the owners neglected to realize was that baseball is and has always been more than just a business.

While customers of UPS have to use their service because it is necessary, baseball is not. In their narrow-minded, ego-restricted heads, the owners failed to realize that baseball is not a necessity, as it may have been in years past.

I have to wonder when all the so-called "improvements" will come to an end. The simple game of hit, catch, and throw has become a complex number-crunching circus.

The two teams can select players from existing teams who have not been protected by their respective clubs. The expansion has brought the total number of major league teams to 30, with 14 in the American League, and 16 in the National League. For such a struggling industry, baseball acts as though it is flourishing.

Aside from the excitement of adding new teams to major league baseball, it has watered down the talent and caused each team to give players who are not yet ready for the "show" the chance to play on an everyday basis.

As a baseball purist, I have a problem with the recent decisions made by baseball.

First, it was the separation of teams into three divisions. Next, they decided to extend the post-season to include a wild card team in the mix. Then, it was the addition of inter-league play, allowing the American League and National League to battle each other during the regular season. Now, baseball has decided to move the Milwaukee Brewers to the National League Central (after the Kansas City Royals declined).

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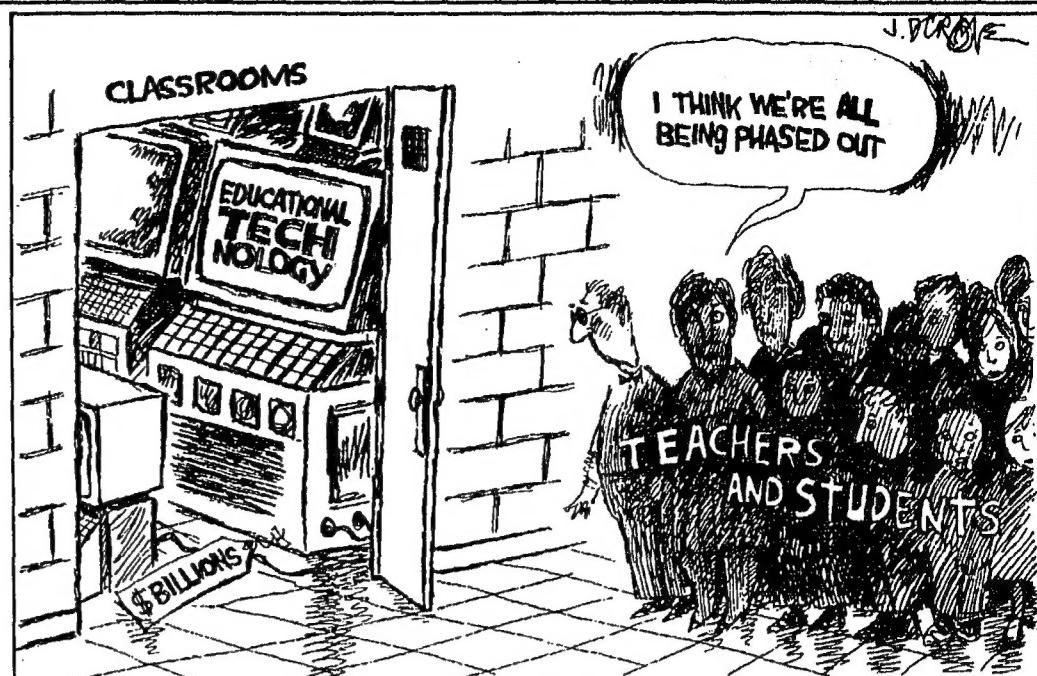
The play of the game itself has declined as well. The hard-nosed, dive-into-a-wall, sacrifice bunt player is a thing of the past, an endangered species if you will. Batters stand and watch their home runs, dancing around the bases at an abnormally slow pace. Pitchers can no longer establish their presence by throwing at those same batters who choose to admire their hits. It is almost assumed that in today's game a bean-ball will result in a brawl.

In days of yesteryear, it was the norm. If you hit a home run, you could expect the next pitch to be thrown behind your head. It wasn't about disrespect, it was simply a reminder from the pitcher to the batter that he doesn't like having his pitches hit into another atmosphere.

In my bitter and pessimistic state, I love baseball. I really hope that the game learns from its mistakes, instead of condemning itself to the past.

The song of American freedom is no longer sung by George M. Cohan, but more derived from the likes of Pearl Jam and other such trend setting groups of today. There are definitely more alternatives in our culture today than ever before.

Baseball is quickly losing its grasp on the reality of this culture, sticking its stubbed toe followed by an ever approaching insert of foot into mouth.



## Excuse Me, But Who Ever Said America Was Fair?

**opinion by Steven R. Green**

In one of my previous editorials I commented on one evil institution: the insurance company.

Several days ago I had the misfortune of watching a program that showed an individual being screwed by an insurance company.

Many might think this gives me further impetus for changing the system. Unfortunately, that was not the case. Instead, I had a completely different thought, one that supports the insurance company.

America is not a democracy. It is a republic, which I am sure does not surprise many of you. A more subtle, but by no means a less truthful, statement is that America's true heart lies in capitalism. One quick drive around town will prove my observation correct.

The one thing capitalism does better than any other system is the creation of wealth.

First world countries, according to their standards of wealth far surpass those of the third world countries. The fact America produces so much capital that we need massive advertisement agencies (as a side bonus constantly encouraging the destruction of our egos) to sell all the crap we produce is the most stunning proof that capitalism produces an enormous amount stuff.

The secret behind capitalism's ability to generate wealth is competition. Maximizing your profit and minimizing your cost is the nature of the game.

Making money at any cost is true capitalism at its best. (No responsibility to any one else, me me me.) Therefore, government policies that interfere with the profit making apparatus are banned. Two of the most basic and fundamental principles have been exposed.

What happens when you lose your job because the company put in computers to replace you?

The president says "in this world we are forced to compete and there is nothing we can do to help you keep your job if we want to stay in the game." If you support America the way it is now then you would happily pack your bags and leave with a grin on your face.

Technically speaking, the busi-

ness did what is considered best, it maximized profits and minimized costs.

People need to realize when an insurance company screws them out of proper health care by not throwing down the money necessary for quality care, the company is just acting the way it should in America.

There should be no dissonance, rather a celebration should occur displaying ones gratitude toward capitalism. After all, your death (due to a lack of proper health care) has resulted in a maximization of profit for the company you paid money to for many years.

With this profit the president went ahead and bought that third house he needed.

But it is not my point to rag on companies that screw the individual.

No, I want to concentrate on the mind boggling ignorance of those people who waste my time with their cry-baby stories about how the system screwed them over. No doubt, the system cheated them!

As I said earlier, the system is designed to be unfair. Quit your whining about how terrible your fall was and how unfair it is that your insurance company won't pay to have your hip popped back in its socket. You live in America where people could care less.

America is the land where money comes before any individual.

What pisses me off even further is the absolute hatred people have for communism.

It is almost taboo to say the word

in this "free" society. Perhaps the most stunning example of the hatred towards communism is McCarthyism, the open persecution of individuals during the '50s who were believed to support communism. Proof was of no matter to the democratic process back then (in America you are innocent until proven guilty unless you are a communist).

What does this have to do with anything?

The opposite of capitalism is communism. A true communism (something the ignorant mass that is America seems to confuse with socialism) is the desire to make sure everyone is treated equally from an economic standpoint.

Everyone works for the common good of all. Here it is not possible to get cheated by the system. You and everyone else is the factor that determines how well treated you are. There is no longer a need for profit because everyone gets an equal share of it. Thus, people no longer get screwed (theoretically speaking of course).

When people start to cry about horrible things in America I would like to kindly tell them to move their butt out of the country. If you don't like having four TVs, three cars, gorging on food, and having a house, then I'm sure China or Cuba will take you. Otherwise, accept the fact that you cannot have your cake and eat it too.

In America we don't care about people, it is money that we focus on.

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# Theme Dorms Are Built On Common Ground

by Chris Poon  
**Knight-Ridder/Tribune News Services**

SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R.I.— Jason Frost scooped up a steaming heap of Muscheln und Fisch, the staples of a New England clambake, and a tasty vocabulary lesson for the University of Rhode Island junior devouring the German language. The steamers and fish introduced German exchange students to Rhode Island cuisine — and introduced Frost, 19, a Cranston, R.I., native, to one of URI's most popular on campus living options: theme housing.

Frost lives in German House, a converted two-story brick building surrounded by faculty apartments. Here, German-language and engineering students live, eat and study with exchange students from Germany who encourage them to sprich Deutsch.

URI has also designated a former all-women's dorm as a "wellness hall," where students sign a pledge not to drink alcohol or smoke in the building, and where Tuesday-night meditation sessions are as popular as pizza parties.

New to the Kingston campus this year are Honors House and Engineering House. Could a Geology Hall or Philosophy House be far behind?

According to Chip Yensan, URI's residential life director, each year more students request to live in so-called specialty housing. The growing popularity is prompting URI to

plan for more theme houses, as it gears up for a \$45 million dormitory overhaul over the next decade.

"We're looking at a common bond whether it's an academic discipline or a lifestyle issue that we can cluster students around," Yensan said. "It's happening on college campuses nationwide."

Nearly every university has some form of theme housing, whether it be a smoke-free dorm or an apartment complex where students share a common interest in, say, African-American culture or low-fat diets, said Gary Schwarzmueller, executive director of the Association of College and University Housing Officers International.

While the concept of grouping students by their academic pursuits probably took root 30 years ago, the idea has broadened to include social, cultural, racial and sexual preferences over the last few years, Schwarzmueller said.

"It's a recognition that we have people coming from diverse places with lots of in-

terests and needs," he said.

Brown University has a dozen different theme dorms, including Hebrew House, Technology House and Harambee House, which attracts students interested in African culture. Brown's first-year students are required to live in freshmen dorms; about 413 students, or 10 percent of the sophomores and upperclassmen, reside in the 12 "program houses."

At Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, there's a dorm wing for students 21 and older. Wesleyan University in

Middletown, Conn., offers Sign Language House; Open House, for its gay, lesbian and bisexual students; and Heathen House, for students who subscribe to a religion other than Christianity.

URI's Jason Frost, one of 12 students in German House, says he elected to commute from Cranston rather than live in a traditional student dorm. When German House opened, he immediately asked to sign a lease. "I like the age differences, the variety, the people

who are into what they're doing," said Frost, who shares an apartment with a 23-year-old business student, Nicolas Napp, of Hanover, Germany.

German House students have access to a computer with a German spell-check function and can tune into Deutsche Welle, a German-government-sponsored TV channel that is beamed in with the help of a satellite dish parked outside the front door. Even better, there's always a German around to help spot grammatical errors in homework assignments, said Frost, who is enrolled in the International Engineering Program. Students in the five-year program earn double bachelor's degrees in engineering and German.

Two other URI dorms, Weldin and Browning Halls, are now freshmen-only buildings. The first-year program has proved so popular that URI will offer more freshmen dorms in coming years, Yensan said.

Jennyann Francis, 21, is a resident assistant in Tucker Hall, the no-smoking, no-drinking dorm. Now a senior, Francis said she has lived in a wellness dorm since her freshman year, because it offered a quiet place to study and nights free of drunken, vomiting students. "It's not like we sit around in fuzzy sweatshirts and drink tea... Everyone is very friendly and respectful of each other," Francis said. After all, she said, "I came to school to study, not to party."

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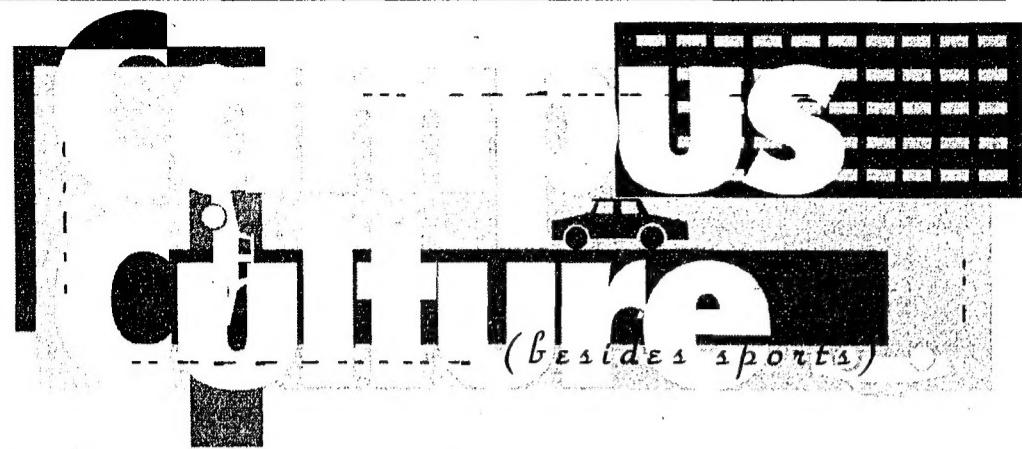
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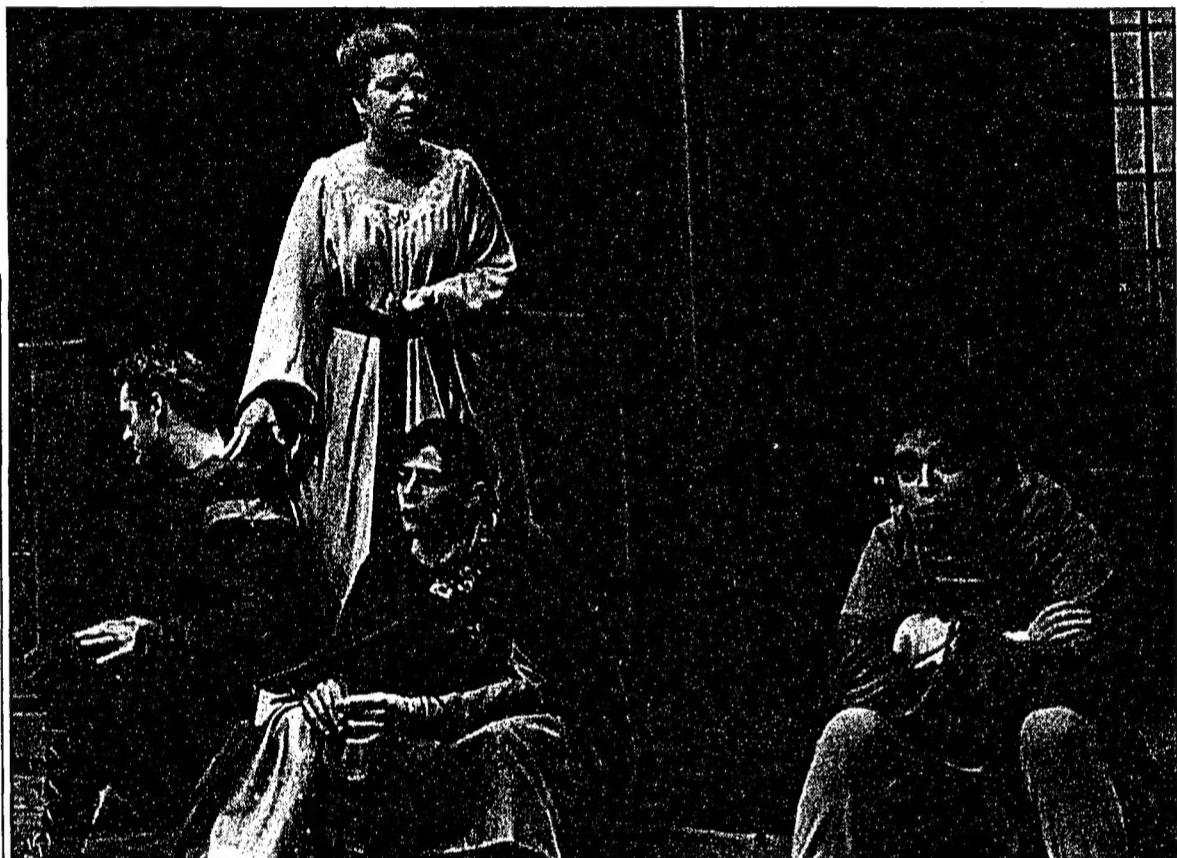
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## Dysfunctional Family Offers Intriguing Plot



"The Lion in Winter" opens tonight at the Weber Fine Arts Building. Among the players are (seated, from left) Craig Fitzpatrick, who plays "Richard Lionheart", Brian Mallgrave, as "Geoffrey", and Donald R. Rush, as "John". Standing is Charleen J.B. Willoughby in the role of "Eleanor".

by Renee Ryan

Dysfunctional families seem to be the norm these days, yet the royal family in "The Lion in Winter," a play by James Goldman, goes far beyond typical absurdity.

The story centers around King Henry II, his wife Queen Eleanor, and their three sons. The question of the next king's identity consumes the princes and initiates bickering and threats.

Henry has a mistress, Alais, a French princess. Alais has been with Henry since she was young, and is now 23-years-old. She wants Henry, but she must marry immediately or lose her dowry — valuable land Henry is not willing to part with.

The king and queen have an unusual relationship which changes from affection to hatred frequently.

The queen is held captive by the king while he enjoys his mistress. Throughout the plot characters mention that both royals have cheated, and neither seem bothered by it. Both of them have a private agenda concerning themselves and the rest of the family.

Henry wants his son John (the youngest) to be the next king. Eleanor wants Richard (the oldest due to an older sibling's death) to be the next king. Geoffrey is the classic ignored-middle sibling.

No one trusts anyone, and each seeks their own wants. The crown is promised to one son, then minutes later it is taken back. Deals are made with questionable sincerity.

The story alone is worth seeing, because of its universal theme of family conflict. The characters are rich and the dialogue is witty. Various sexual situations are dealt with and made humorous.

*"It has been a pleasure to explore these multi-dimensional yet highly dysfunctional family members in their quest for love and power."*

— Director Cindy Melby Phaneuf

The set is gothic with minimal scene changes. The stage resembles the front of a castle with gargoyles perched on the arches. Steve Williams, assistant professor of theater at UNO, made the set, and UNO student Paul Pape made the gargoyles.

The play is based on some historic knowledge but is a work of fiction. Director Cindy Melby Phaneuf said the play was chosen to give comedy with depth. She said the role of Eleanor is perfect for Charleen J.B. Willoughby's thesis work.

According to Phaneuf, the play has a lot of family and human struggles. "It has been a pleasure to explore these multi-dimensional yet highly dysfunctional family members in their quest for love and power."

One quote gives an idea of the play. Alais asks Henry "When can I believe you?" He replies "Always, my dear, even when I lie."

The UNO theater will present the play Nov. 21, 22 and Dec. 3-6 at 8 p.m. in the Del and Lou Ann Weber Fine Arts Building. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students. Call 554-2335 for reservations.

# University Students: Get us on-line

by Jack Wheat  
**Knight-Ridder/Tribune News  
Services**

GAINESVILLE, Fla.—The Florida Board of Regents will try for the third time to convince state lawmakers that college students should pay up to \$50 a semester so aging universities can leap into the computer age. The Florida Student Association, which lobbies for state university student governments, normally fights tuition increases, but is backing this one, association Chairman Chris Dorworth said.

"Already students in the dorms are frustrated by the lack of infrastructure for computers," Dorworth said. "This campus has been here almost a hundred years," and few of the buildings are wired for the computer age.

"All circuits are busy" is now a major piece of campus slang, Dorworth said, because that's what usually pops on dormitory students' screens if they trying to use e-mail or the Internet in the evening. Students at all universities understand that computers are integral to most careers now and in the future, so they're much more likely to support a technology fee than a regular tuition increase for general operations, Dorworth said.

Student leaders can defend a technology fee, he said. Full-time students at Florida universities would pay up to \$50 a semester, or up to \$8.34 per credit hour for those taking less than six hours of course work, Regents voted Friday. The proposal must still be approved by state lawmakers during their annual legislative session next spring. Carlos

Becerra, Florida International University student body president, said he'll support establishment of a technology fee as long as students are guaranteed a major voice in setting the amount and deciding how it's spent.

"We need more computer labs and more access to them," Becerra said. FIU's many commuter students want more library materials to be accessible electronically from their home and office computers, he said. And most FIU dorm rooms need to be wired for full computer access to the Internet and electronic mail. The University of Florida has decided that all of its students must have access to a computer starting next fall, a policy which officials said has been widely misinterpreted.

UF isn't requiring every student to buy or lease a computer, Provost Betty Capaldi said. "We're not going to have computer police," she said. Large numbers of UF's 42,000 students already own computers. Well over half have computers in their dorm rooms and apartments, Dorworth said. Student government operates a large computer center, and UF has computer labs around campus.

The new policy will make it easier for students to buy their own computers, Capaldi said. Once computer access becomes a requirement, it will be considered an essential cost of attending school, just like books, tuition, room and board. Students who get financial aid based on need will be eligible for larger financial aid packages to cover the cost of a computer, she said.

# Most Students Like Fall Break Idea

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viate the stress of course work and other activities in which students regularly engage."

Michael Mury, a chemistry/biology major, agrees with the idea. "Fall break would help to provide students with a break in order to help reduce stress," Mury said.

Since the University of Nebraska Calendar Committee will soon be reviewing changes to the academic calendar, UNO's Student Senate supports researching the possibility of a fall break.

The results of the survey were sent to Dr. Wade Robinson, director of UNO Registrar, and to Dr. Carl Camp, political science professor.

UNO students generally support the break.

Melissa Anderson, a German major, said "Working two jobs and going to school full-time leaves little time to myself. One or two days to sleep in or just cuddle up on the couch in my pj's watching television would be ideal."

Some students do not agree with the idea

of a fall break.

Anastasia Privitara, an international business major, who goes to school full-time, and works part-time said "A fall break would not be ideal for me, because I like to get things done all at once."

She is not alone, 16 percent of those surveyed work full time, while 73 percent work part-time and 11 percent of the respondents do not work.

Of these students, 85 percent were full-time students and 15 percent were part-time students.

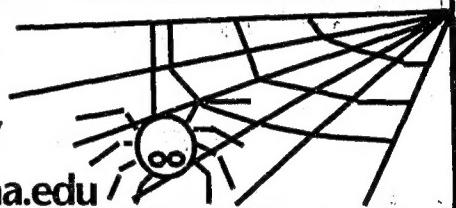
Traditional students out weighed non-traditional students 81 to 19 percent and 12 percent

of these students have dependents. A diverse variety of students on this campus gives for a varying opinion about the fall break, yet overall, the answer "yes" to a fall break shows how strongly it is favored by students at UNO.

**"A fall break would not be ideal for me, because I like to get things done all at once."**

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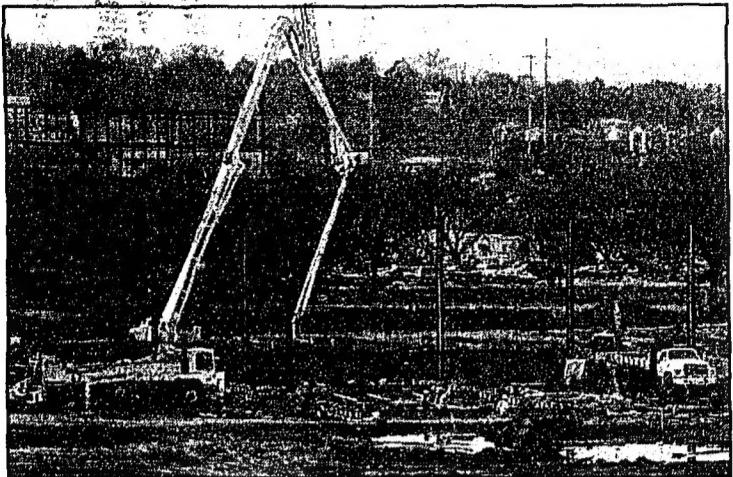
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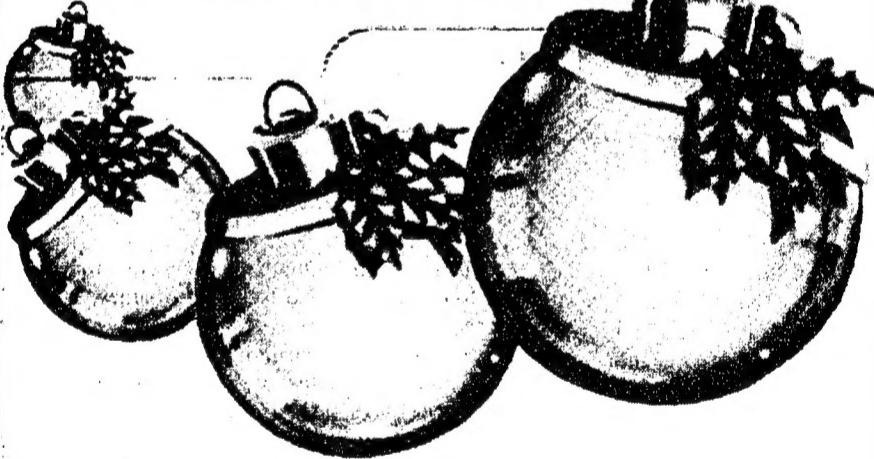
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## Colleges Plan To Delay Spring Tuition Until After Jan. 1 Tax Break

by Joni James  
*The Orlando Sentinel*  
*Knight-Ridder/Tribune News Services*

College students and their parents beware: Pay next spring semester's tuition too early and you could end up missing out on a \$1,500 tax credit.

New federal tax incentives—dubbed the Hope Scholarship and Lifelong Learning tax credit—will let many middle-income families deduct college tuition costs from their 1998 tax bill.

That means only tuition and fees paid after Jan. 1, the date the tax credits go into effect, can be written off. And, historically, many colleges have begun collecting or even demanding spring tuition in December.

But most universities are scrambling to accommodate the new federal program or risk alienating parents and students. Some are extending deadlines, others are waiving late fees and several are planning to send letters to students to warn them of the conundrum.

"Wow, I didn't know that I'd need to wait," said Travis Studaker, 25, a Valencia Community College sophomore. "I've been reading a lot about the Hope Scholarship, but everything's been so foggy. This is the first I've heard I should wait to pay."

Valencia and Seminole community colleges are among the institutions that have radically altered their tuition policy.

In the past week, officials at both decided to suspend normal procedures in which students must pay tuition shortly after registering for classes and extend tuition deadlines to early January. Valencia even plans to open

its finance offices Jan. 2 so students can drive to one of its four campuses to pay.

"I don't think (Congress) had any idea how this would affect us when they did it," said John Bush, registrar for the University of Central Florida. UCF dropped its Dec. 5 tuition deadline for students who register early. Now all students' tuition will be due Jan. 9.

Stetson University in DeLand has moved its tuition deadline, normally in late December, to Jan. 7. Rollins College in Winter Park is maintaining its Dec. 19 deadline but will waive late fees for students who inform the college that their payment is late because of the tax-credit regulations, said Ken Harker, Rollins' associate vice president for finance.

Officials at the University of Florida and Florida State University said they have not made any schedule changes because their deadlines have always been in January.

The tax credits which are limited to married couples earning \$100,000 or less and single people earning \$50,000 or less are just one of the college incentives Congress passed in August. Lawmakers also approved new savings plans and tax deductions on some student-loan interest payments. It's the first time tax law has been so closely linked to college financial aid.

"The rules are still being written on all this," said Bob Austin, Valencia's vice president for administrative services. "That's not to be critical, it's just this has all happened so fast."

## Campanile Nocturne

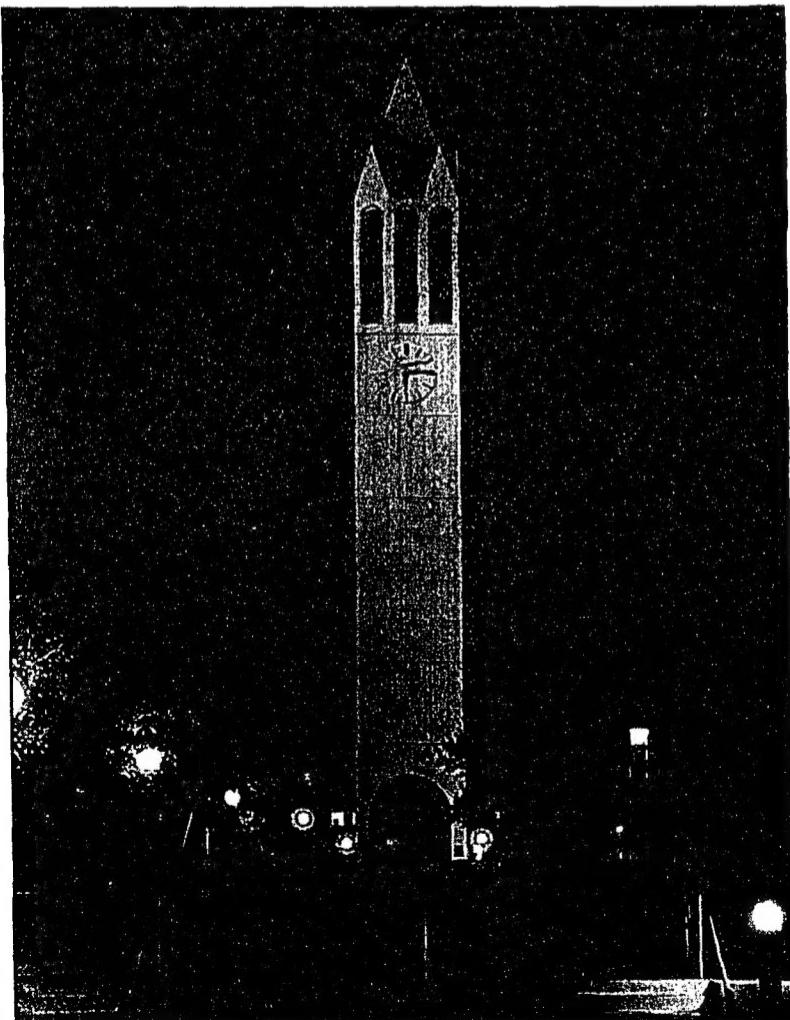


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# Lady Mavs: On a Quest for National Championship

by Renée Novy

The Lady Mavs steel themselves for the semifinal rounds set for Saturday after clinching a bid for the North Central Conference championship in a tie after a pair of wins last weekend.

"We tied for the conference for the second straight year with Augustana," said Lady Mavs Head Coach Rose Shires.

Shires said the Lady Mavs have already earned a bid for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) regional championships, which will be played this Saturday.

Finals will be played this Sunday.

The Lady Mavs will play North Dakota State at 4 p.m. at the Elem Center at Augustana Saturday. Their main opponent, Augustana, will play South Dakota State at 6:30 p.m.

Shires said that for the match against North Dakota State, the Lady Mavs want to focus on defense, "especially against backside attacks. We're also working really hard on our defense transition games. The strength of our team, without a doubt, is our balance," Shires said.

"We have five players who average above a .250 hitting percentage, so our attack and our offensive game is very strong. Still, we want to kick up our defensive game," she said.

"I feel that our region is the

strongest [nationally], so whoever wins [this weekend] we think will win the championship," she said.

Before last weekend's rounds, the Lady Mavs were ranked No. 12 nationally by the American Volleyball Coaches Association Poll.

At last weekend's games, to remind opponents of the sheer force of her team, Tanya Cate secured 18 kills, and 239 total attacks against Morningside College.

The Lady Mavs annihilated Morningside with 8.5 team blocks, overshadowing Morningside's 4.

Defensive digs showed a strong side for the Lady Mavs as well.

Leading in digs with 55 vs. Morningside's 39, no question arose as to who the dominant team was that night. The Lady Mavs also led with set assists at 56, dwarfing Morningside's 32.

"I think we have a really good shot at the national championships," Shires said. "I really believe that after the first two weeks of the season that our athletes really turned things around," she said. "We started out 2 and 5 on the year, but since that second week, we've gone 22 and 3, so I believe we're playing really well right now."

"I believe we've earned an NCAA championship berth," Shires said.

"But it's anybody's game."

# University of Nebraska at Omaha SPORTS

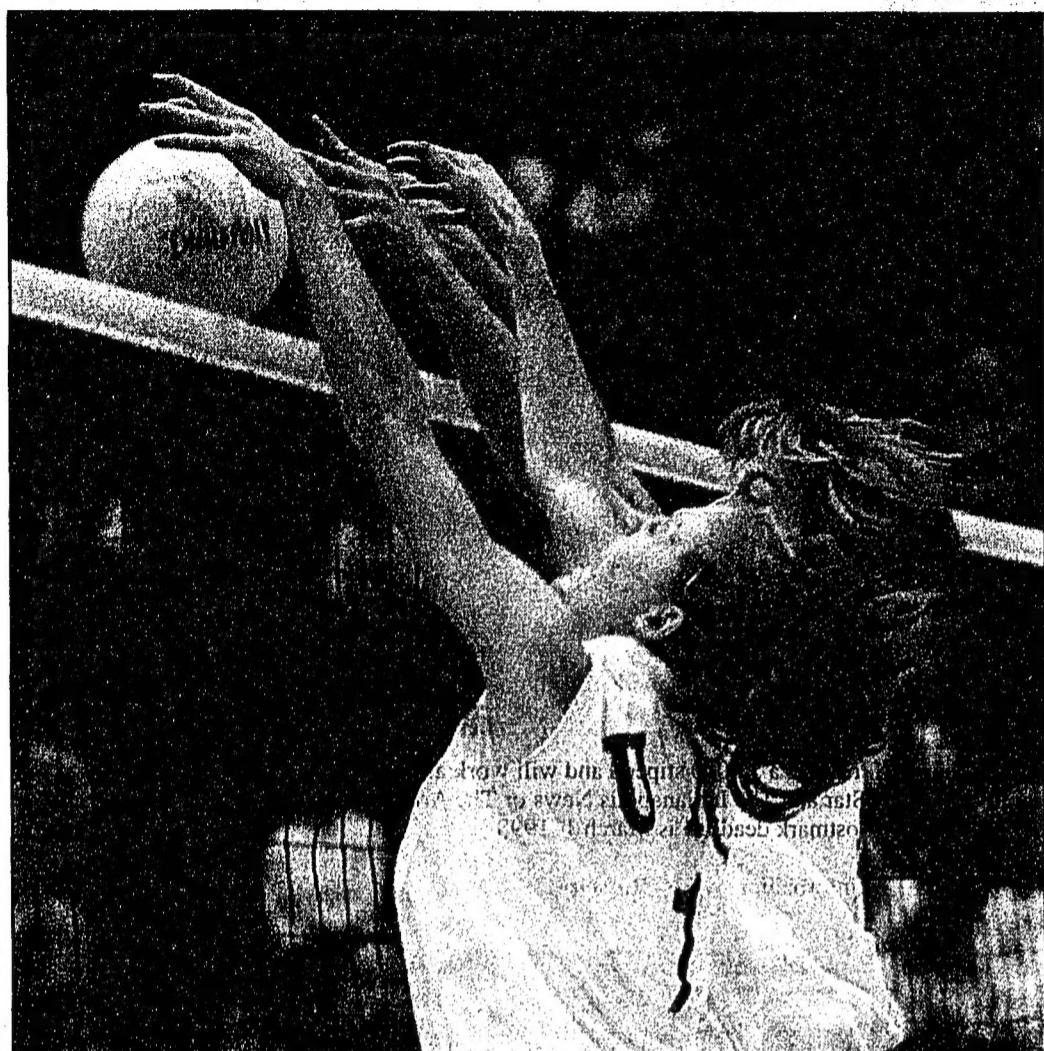
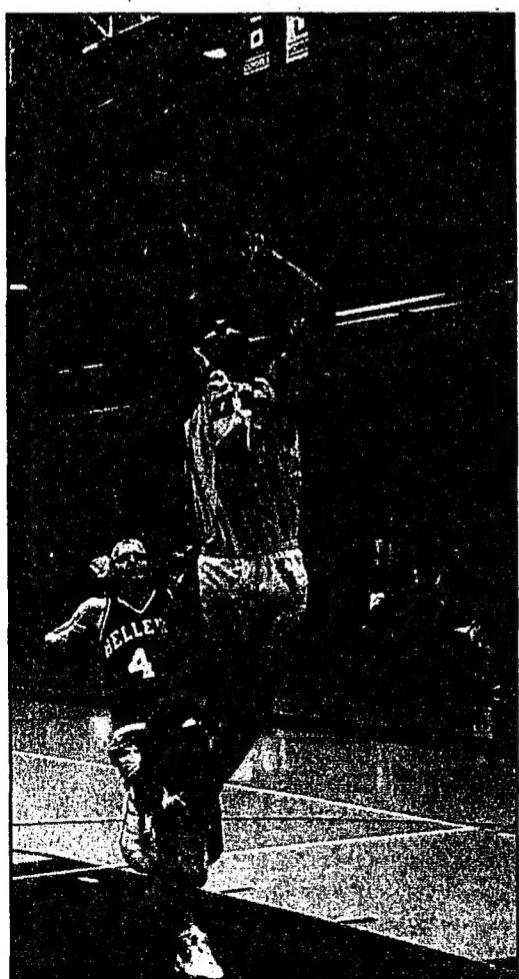


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*The Lady Mavs secured their second straight North Central Conference volleyball title last weekend. Now they travel to Sioux Falls, S.D. to fight it out with three other teams for a spot in the Division II Elite Eight. The Lady Mavs will need solid play from everyone on the team, including true freshman Tracy Ankeny (above, foreground) and senior Kim Gerdes (background) who combined on this block last week.*

## B-Ball Attack!



*The Men's and women's basketball team are just getting underway. The men's team ran past Bellevue University last week in an easy win. Here UNO's Robert Wettstein (40) stuffs the ball as Bellevue's Ryan Hinckley looks on. Check out both teams' upcoming home schedules on page 10.*

photo by Chad Greene

## Sidelines

### Cate named to NCC Team

Lady Mav volleyball player Tanya Cate was named to the North Central Conference's All-Academic volleyball team for 1997. Cate, a senior majoring in business administration, has a 3.26 grade point average and this is her first appearance on the NCC All-Academic team.

### Future Mav Stars?

The men's basketball team will conduct a basketball clinic for boys in grades 1-6 Saturday, Dec. 13 from 9 a.m. - noon in the Fieldhouse. For more information or to register, call Brian Jones at 554-2606.

### Lady Mavs Making Waves

The Lady Mav Swimming and Diving team will compete in the Jackrabbit Invitational Saturday at South Dakota State University in Brookings, S.D. The meet, which will begin at 11 a.m. comes after the Lady Mavs split a pair of meets last weekend.

### Mavs Hit the Mat

The Maverick Men's Wrestling team will host and compete in the Ryan Kaufman-Glen Brand Open Saturday at 9 a.m. in the Fieldhouse. About 450-475 wrestlers are expected to compete in the event, which will include wrestlers from Iowa State, Minnesota and

Northern Iowa in addition to competitors from Central Oklahoma and Nebraska-Kearney, to name a few.

After going 4-0 each during the Central Missouri State Open last weekend, Braumon Creighton (134) and Jerry Corner (heavyweight) look to dominate again this weekend.

### Lady Mavs Looking for Heat

The Lady Mavs look to heat up the courts this weekend at the Cal State-Chico Tournament. Facing Southern Oregon, Chico State and Grand Canyon, the Lady Mavs look to improve their 0-1 season record after losing to Nebraska-Kearney 94-71.

All three games will be broadcast on KOTD 106.9 FM.

### Mav Basketball 1-1

After an easy 81-53 victory over Bellevue University Monday night in the Fieldhouse, the Maverick Men's Basketball team looks to add another win to their 1-1 season record this Friday as they face Nebraska-Kearney at 7 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

Leading scorers for the Mavs Monday night were forward Robert Wettstein with 20 and center Charles Thompson with 16. Wettstein also led the Mavs in rebounds with nine total.

# Upcoming Home Basketball Games



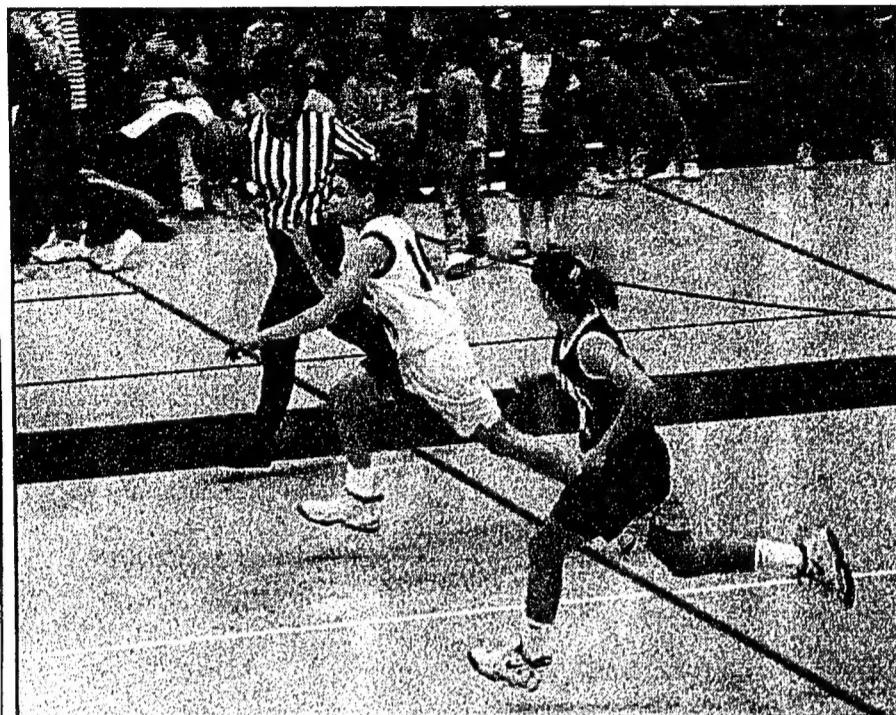
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UNO's Kim Birkel (in white) runs down the court, past Nebraska-Kearney's Jessica Kedrowski last Saturday.

# Apple Donates Its History To Stanford

Reuter

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Stanford University said Tuesday it acquired thousands of pieces of memorabilia and artifacts that chronicle the unique 21-year history of Apple Computer Inc.

Henry Lowood, library curator for the history of science and technology collection at Stanford, said Apple made a gift to the university of its museum-and-historical-collections, which filled about 2,000 boxes.

The donation, which comprises documents, hardware, software and other items, portrays the culture and history of the iconoclastic company that Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak started in a garage in 1976.

Lowood said that although he had only looked at about one percent of the collection, the nature of the items ranged from rare to quirky to cheeky. He said an Apple I computer and prototypes for several other computers that never made it to the production line were among the more uncommon items.

"It's really a longitudinal picture of Apple from its life-time," Lowood said. "From what I've learned through my contacts at Apple, they were very interested in doing something with this collection because it just seemed like the stuff was in danger from sitting around in storage."

The collection, which has been managed by Apple staff members since the mid-1980s, was intended for an Apple museum that was never built.

Lowood and his colleagues will spend the next 12 months sifting through the collection and drawing up a detailed inventory to facilitate future research.

Stanford said the donation was a significant addition to its collections on the technological and business history of Silicon Valley. Stanford already possesses the papers of William Shockley, who helped invent the transistor, and Russell and Sigurd Varian, early pioneers in the semiconductor industry.

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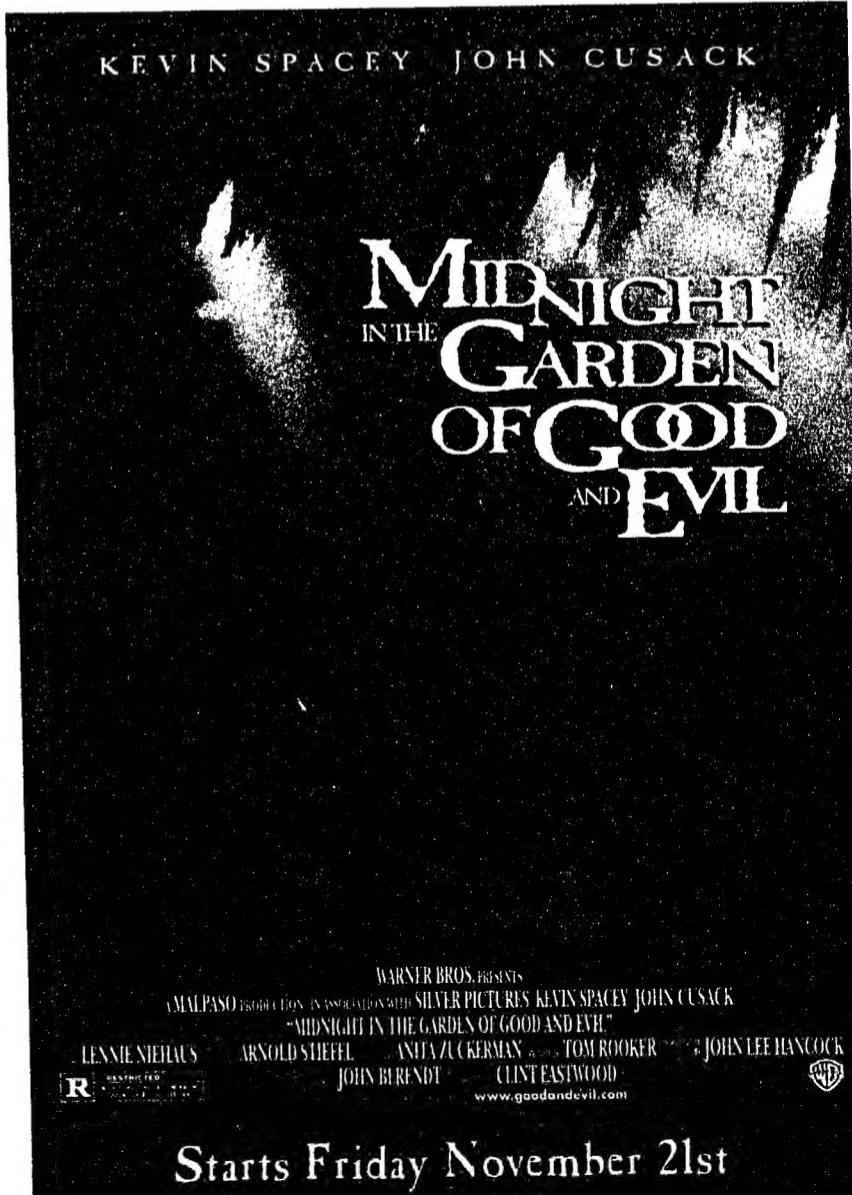
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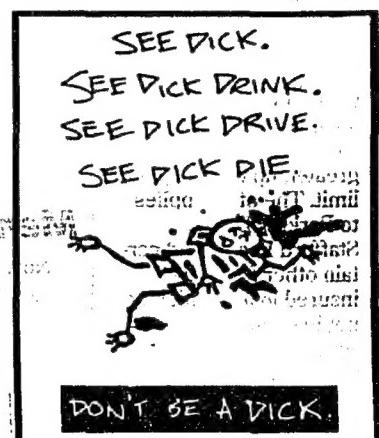
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